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In re Application of: Shilin Chen
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Examiner: Hugh M. Jones
Title: ***Force-Balanced Roller-Cone Bits, Systems, Drilling Methods, and Design Methods***

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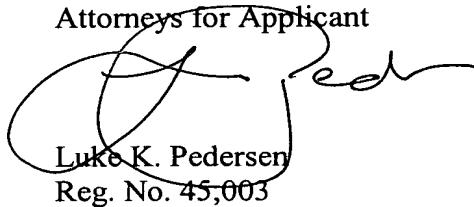
Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of these references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), no representation is made that these references qualify as prior art or that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

The subject matter of a related patent was involved in Civil Action No. 4-02CV269 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Sherman Division, styled *Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. v. Smith International, Inc.* (the "Litigation"). The attached PTO-1449 form includes documents relating to the Litigation. Applicant requests that such documents be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted before an Office Action on the merits, and therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. **50-2148** of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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